

Abingdon Community Council Meeting  
April 22, 2013

There were 5 members (C. David Copenhaver, Earl Grey, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Carlin Cook, Gregory Beaty) and 15 guests in attendance including: Dion Guthrie (Harford County Councilman), Lidia Brennan (Aid to County Councilman Dion Guthrie), Andrew Tress (Aid to County Council President, Billy Boniface), Jamie Meier (Aid to County Councilwoman Mary Ann Lisanti), Capt. Jon Krass (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Dan Pazdersky (Harford County Dept. of Public Works Div. of Environmental Services), Jeff Schoenberger (Harford County Dept. of Public Works Div. of Environmental Services), Paul Magness (Parks and Recreation), Michael Kalish (SCS Engineers), Thomas Hilton, PE (Deputy Director Dept. of Public Works Div. of Environmental Services), Robert H. Isenberg, PE (Sr. Vice President SCS Engineers)

**There will be NO May meeting because of Memorial Day.**

**The next meeting will be June 24, 2013 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library.**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Neither County Councilman Joe Woods nor his Aid was in attendance.
- Dion Guthrie: Harford County Council
- Stormwater Management Update – Task force is being developed to further examine the charge from the state and potential fees
  - ❖ Currently Harford County is proposing \$12.50 to be added to homeowners' tax bills for those outside the incorporated towns on the July 2013 tax bill.
  - ❖ Currently proposing is a fee of \$.70 on impervious surfaces for businesses outside the incorporated towns.
- Bill 13-16 did not pass the Co. Council because of a lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion.
  - ❖ The original bill had several amendments attached to it.
  - ❖ This Bill would have affected WalMart and the Co. Council was worried about possible law suits, as well as concern over the number of constituents that thought the Bill would definitely stop WalMart from building at Plumtree and 924.
  - ❖ Possibly another bill will be introduced to address big box stores in the future.
- Guest Speakers Presentation on the Spencer's Rubble Landfill – East (behind the Water Treatment Station on Abingdon Road)
- Showed a PowerPoint
- History
  - ❖ Purchased by county in 2007
  - ❖ Excavation used for construction and demolition debris landfill
  - ❖ County entered into a Consent Agreement with MD Dept. of Environment (MDE) to close site in May 2012
- Schedule for the project
  - ❖ Design phase already started
  - ❖ MDE mandated design completion – Nov. 2013
  - ❖ MDE mandated construction completion – June 2015
- Site description
  - ❖ Approximately 75 acres with 42.5 of landfill and 32.5 for Water Treatment Plant
  - ❖ Site is a well defined mound consisting of mostly sidesloping
  - ❖ Top of mound is about 600 ft. by 300 ft.
- Technical issues
  - ❖ Space, geometry, topography, etc....
    - Over the waste, on the plateau
    - Sideslopes and ravines not conducive to redevelopment
    - "Level" areas suitable for redevelopment
    - Surrounding buffers and vegetated areas
  - ❖ • Potential operational constraints
    - Geomembrane final cover
    - Gas control measures
    - Long term settlement
    - Egress and ingress (roads and traffic)
  - ❖ • Environmental and Health & Safety
    - Groundwater and gas controls
    - Exposure to waste
    - Minimize impact to groundwater

- Typical Uses for Landfills: Parking areas, Nature/green space/educational, Model airpark, kite flying, Athletic Fields, Hiking/biking trails, Picnic areas, Disk golf, Dog park
- Looking for community input on other ideas for uses of this area – send your suggestions to Dan Pazdersky at [dspazdersky@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:dspazdersky@harfordcountymd.gov)
- Captain Jon Krass: Harford County Sheriff's Representative
  - There has been an increase in commercial burglaries around the 924 corridor
  - Motor vehicle tampering is a problem. Don't leave expensive electronics, etc. in your car and be sure to always lock your vehicle.
  - For community policing programs, contact Sargent Thomas at the Joppa Office.
- Announcements from Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson for ACC
  - Distributed March meeting minutes
  - Distributed copies of a letter that the ACC sent to members of the County Council, the County Executive, and to the press about the ACC's concern that approval for development projects is purely sequential and isolated steps and fails to take a holistic and comprehensive view of the rapid and expansive growth. This in turn causes major issues for public safety and traffic congestion. The ACC is requesting an additional layer of review to ascertain the capability and sustainability of communities inside the development envelope to maintain a sensible and smart pace of growth.
- Jamie Meier: Aid for Mary Ann Lisanti
- Mary Ann is willing to meet with ACC members for input on legislation.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver